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## EMPLOYMENT

### DENISON UNIVERSITY

Visiting Assistant Professor 2022-present

## EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Ph.D. Political Science 2022

Dissertation: "International Aid and Strategic Interdependence: How Common and Conflicting Foreign Policy Goals Shape the Supply of Foreign Aid"

Exams: International Relations, International Political Economy

Committee: Matthew S. Winters (chair), Xinyuan Dai, Robert Pahre, Robert Carroll

Eastern Illinois University, M.A. Political Science 2016

Greenville University, B.A. History & Political Science, Philosophy (*Summa Cum Laude*, with honors) 2015

## RESEARCH

### Journal Articles

Burge, Ryan and Miles D. Williams. 2019. "[Gender in the Pulpit: Differences in Speaking Style for Men and Women.](#)" *Journal of Communication and Religion* 42(1): 63-82.

Burge, Ryan and Miles D. Williams. 2019. "[The Use of Social Media by Religious Leaders: Evangelical Leaders and Twitter.](#)" *Journal of Religion, Media and Digital Culture* 8(3): 309-39.

### Working Papers and Works-in-Progress

"Foreign Aid, Migration, and Civil War." (Under Review).

"Aid for Alliances? Buying and Selling Alliance Commitments in the Political Economy of Aid." (Work-in-Progress)

"A Strategic Political Economy of Aid." (Working Paper)

"Competition and Buck-Passing in the Political Economy of Aid." (Working Paper)

"Who Leads? The Strategic Determinants of Lead Donorship." (Working Paper)

"Friends Get More Money, Attention, and Handshakes: Xinhua, Diplomacy, and Chinese Foreign Aid." With Lucie Lu (Working Paper)

"Leveraging the Black Box: Regression Adjustment via Random Forests." (Working Paper)

“How Local Discretion Addresses Competing Allocation Goals: The Case of Small Business Relief Funding.” With Rebecca Johnson, Heather Barry Kappes, Crystal C. Hall, Simone Zhang, and Elizabeth Bell. (Under Review)

“Does Performance Feedback Increase Flu-Vaccination Rates? A Cluster Randomized Trial.” With Sebastian Jilke, Pompa Debroy, Rebecca Johnson, Michael Wallace, and Vincent Marconi. (Working Paper)

“How Reducing Documentation Burdens Impacts Equity in Program Access: The Case of Small Business Covid-19 Relief Funding.” With Elizabeth Bell and Heather Kappes. (Under Review)

## Book Chapters

Williams, Miles D. and Matthew S. Winters. “[The World Bank.](#)” Forthcoming in *Handbook of International Organizations: Theories, Concepts, and Empirical Insights*. Eds. Katja Freistein, Julia Leininger, and Silke Weinlich.

Ashley, Jeffrey and Miles Williams. 2018. “[Illinois 10th Congressional District: Re-rematch in Chicago Suburbs.](#)” In *The Roads to Congress 2016*. Eds. S. Foreman and M. Godwin.

## Conferences

“A Strategic Political Economy of Aid,” PEIO July 2022

“Friends Get more Money, Attention, and Handshakes: Xinhua, Diplomacy, and Chinese Foreign Aid,” AidData Roundtable June 2022

“Competition and Buck-passing in the Political Economy of Aid,” MPSA April 2022

## Technical Guides

“[Reporting Statistical Results in Text and in Graphs.](#)” With Ryan T. Moore and Russell Burnett.

## Blogging

I occasionally have contributed to [Religion in Public](#). Select posts include:

“[White, Conservative, Religious...and Aid Skeptical](#)” (January 21, 2021)

“[Do Women Preach Differently than Men?](#)” (June 26, 2019)

“[Welcom the Stranger? Evangelicals’ Views on Immigration Prior to Donald Trump](#)” (February 20, 2017)

“[Evangelical Leaders Are as Negative on Immigration and Islam as Donald Trump](#)” (February 13, 2017)

I also write about various statistical and R-related things on [my personal blog](#) hosted on my professional website.

## SOFTWARE

### Tools

R, RStudio, Latex, Stata, Python

## R Packages under Development

**RFA** - Implements [random forest adjustment](#) (RFA). RFA is a method for partialing out the influence of confounding covariates via random forests.

**seerrr** - Tools that simplify the process of doing Monte Carlo and computational power analyses.

**SARM** - For estimating a modified version of the Strategic Autoregressive Model developed by [Steinwand \(2011\)](#).

**oesr** (available soon, with Ryan T. Moore) - For visualizing the results from randomized controlled trials using the Office of Evaluation Sciences' [recommended style guide](#).

## TEACHING

### DENISON UNIVERSITY

*War, Wealth, and World Politics* (Intro to IR) Fall 2022

*Intro to Data Visualization* Fall 2022

### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

*Intro to International Relations*, Independent Instructor (online) 2021

*Intro to Political Science*, Teaching Assistant 2017

#### *UIUC Math Camp*

Probability in R 2018-2020

Integrals 2020

Linear Regression 2021

GitHub and Version Control 2021

## PROFESSIONAL

### US OFFICE OF EVALUATION SCIENCES

Associate Fellow (methods specialist) 2020-present

### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

#### Research Assistant

Cara Wong 2020-present

Matthew S. Winters 2018-2020

### EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Research Assistant for Jeffrey Ashley 2016

Presidential Graduate Assistant 2015-2016

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

### *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

William Bernhard Award for Best Dissertation Prospectus	2021
Rita and Leonard Ogren Award for Academic Excellence	2018

### *Eastern Illinois University*

Robert and Kathryn Augustine Distinguished Master's Thesis Award	2018
Williams Travel Grant	2016

## SERVICE

### *Reviewer*

Journal of Politics  
Development Studies Research

*International Relations Graduate Workshop, Coordinator* 2020-2021

### *Graduate Methods Committee*

Member 2019-2021  
Chair 2020

*UIUC Political Science Graduate Student Association, Board Member* 2019-2020